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I.

THAT the TOXOPHILITE SOCIETY ſhall not exceed the number of One Hundred and Sixty ſubſcribing Members.

II.

THAT the Members of the Society ſhall meet every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, from the Fifteenth of APRIL to the Fifteenth of OCTOBER yearly, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, upon the TOXOPHILITE GROUND,

BEDFORD SQUARE, for the Purpoſe of ſhooting, of tranſacting the Buſineſs of the Society, and afterwards of ſupping together; which Meetings ſhall be called, THE SUMMER MEETINGS; and on the Third TUESDAY in the Month of FEBRUARY, yearly, at Three o'Clock, for the Purpoſe of tranſacting the Buſineſs of the Society, and afterwards of dining together, (at ſuch Houſe as the Majority of the Members preſent at the laſt Summer Meeting ſhall agree upon) which Meeting ſhall be called, THE ANNUAL WINTER MEETING: and alſo on ſuch TARGET DAYS as are herein after appointed. That there ſhall not be any Buſineſs tranſacted upon any Target Day, except the particular Buſineſs relating to the Target, nor at any Summer Meeting before Eight o'Clock, or after Supper; nor at the Winter Meeting after Dinner; nor unleſs there ſhall be preſent at ſuch Summer or Winter Meeting, Nine Members or more.

III.

III.

THAT at the Winter Meeting annually, (of which One Week's Notice ſhall be given by the SECRETARY to every Member) the Officers of the Society, namely, A PRESIDENT, Four VICE-PRESIDENTS, A SECRETARY and TREASURER, ſhall be choſen by Ballot. And in caſe any Vacancy ſhall happen in any of the ſaid Offices by Death or Reſignation, the Society ſhall forthwith be ſummoned to fill up the ſame.

IV.

THAT every Member ſhall annually ſubſcribe, and pay to the Treaſurer, at the Firſt Summer Meeting, the Sum of THREE GUINEAS, to ſupport the Fund for defraying the general Expences of the Society; and that until a Member ſhall have paid his annual Subſcription, he ſhall not be entitled to ſhoot upon the TOXOPHILITE GROUND, to propoſe or

ballot for any Candidate, to vote on any Queſtion, or to exerciſe any Right as a Member.

V.

THAT the Uniform of the Society ſhall be A Green Cloth Coat and White Waiſtcoat and Breeches of Cloth, or Kerſeymere, with Gilt Arrow Buttons, White Stockings and Black Huſſar Half Boots; a Black Round Hat, with the Prince of Wales's Button, a double Gold Loop, and One Black Cock Feather. That the ſhooting Accoutrements ſhall be, a Black Leather Brace, a Buff coloured Leather Belt, with a Pouch and a Green Taſſel. That the Colour of the Cloth, the Form of making, the Size and Figure of the Buttons, and every other Article of the Uniform and Accoutrements, ſhall be the ſame as now uſed by the Society; according to a Deſcription hung up in the TOXOPHILITE Room.

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VI.

THAT the Regulations with reſpect to wearing the Uniform ſhall be as follow, namely, That every Member, who ſhall ſhoot upon a TARGET Day, ſhall appear in full Uniform, and with his ſhooting Accoutrements; upon a SUMMER MEETING, in the Uniform Coat and Hat, and alſo with his ſhooting Accoutrements; and that every Member, who ſhall attend at the WINTER MEETING, or at the Dinner upon a TARGET DAY, ſhall appear in the Uniform Coat and Waiſtcoat.

VII.

THAT every Member who ſhall ſhoot upon a Target Day, or Summer Meeting, ſhall have his Arrows painted or marked with his own proper and uſual Mark.

VIII.

THAT if any Member ſhall offend, in any Reſpect, againſt the Sixth or Seventh Laws,

he ſhall forfeit and pay for every Inſtance in which he ſhall ſo offend, if upon a Target Day, the Penalty of Ten Shillings and Six Pence; and if at a Summer or Winter Meeting, the Penalty of Two Shillings and Six Pence; and until Payment of the Penalty or Penalties ſo incurred, he ſhall be ſubject to the Diſabilities mentioned in the Fourth Law, and ſhall alſo be incapable of winning any Medal, or other Prize upon the Target Day on which he ſhall ſo offend.

IX.

THAT the Election of Members ſhall be by Ballot, ſubject to the following Regulations, namely, That until the limited Number of the Society ſhall be complete, any Gentleman, deſirous of becoming a Member, may be propoſed by one Member, and ſeconded by another at any Summer Meeting, and the Name and Addition of ſuch Candidate ſhall then be hung up publickly in the TOXOPHILITE Room

Room for a Fortnight previous to his being ballotted for: And when the limited Number of the Society ſhall be complete, any Gentleman may be propoſed at a Summer Meeting, as a Candidate to become a Member on the firſt Vacancy; and being ſeconded, the Name and Addition of ſuch Candidate ſhall be entered on a Liſt, with the Date of ſuch Propoſal, and the Name of the Propoſer, and the Liſt hung up in the TOXOPHILITE Room. And when any Vacancy ſhall happen by the Death or Reſignation of any Member, the ſame ſhall be declared by the Chairman, and Notice thereof hung up in the TOXOPHILITE Room for a Fortnight previous to the Ballot for filling up the ſame; after which Time the Candidates ſhall be ballotted for in the Order in which they were propoſed, until by the Election of one of the ſaid Candidates, ſuch Vacancy ſhall be filled up; and the Names of the Candidates, who ſhall not then be ballotted for, ſhall remain on the Liſt, until they ſhall

reſpectively be ballotted for upon a ſubſequent Vacancy. That every Candidate ſhall be ballotted for ſeparately, and unleſs there ſhall be Two black Balls in ſuch Ballot, the Candidate ſhall be declared duly elected, and ſhall, within One Month from the Time of his Election, pay an Admiſſion Fee of THREE GUINEAS, and alſo the Subſcription for the current Year; and if ſuch newly elected Member ſhall neglect to pay his Admiſſion Fee and Subſcription within that Time, the Member who propoſed him ſhall pay the ſame, and until Payment thereof, be ſubject to the Diſabilities mentioned in the fourth Law.

X.

THAT Honorary Members may be admitted into the Society, being firſt propoſed and ſeconded, and their Names hung up, and afterwards ballotted for, in ſuch Manner as is directed by the Ninth Law with reſpect to Candidates.

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THAT the Freedom of the Society (that is to ſay, the Privilege of ſhooting upon Target Days, and at Summer Meetings, and of aſſociating with the Society) may be granted to eſtabliſhed Societies of Archers; provided the Place at which they ſhall hold their Meetings ſhall not be within Thirty Miles of the Metropolis: and that the Grant of ſuch Freedom may be moved for and ſeconded at any Summer Meeting, and taken into Conſideration and determined by a Majority at the Fourth Meeting next afterwards;—Notice of ſuch Motion being hung up in the TOXOPHILITE Room during the intermediate Time.

XII.

THAT Honorary Members and privileged Perſons ſhall be entitled to ſhoot with the Society, upon TARGET DAYS and at THE

SUMMER MEETINGS only; and that every Honorary Member and privileged Perſon, who ſhall attend at any Summer Meeting, ſhall pay Two Shillings and Six Pence, and at any Winter Meeting or Target, Ten Shillings and Six Pence. And that neither Honorary Members nor privileged Perſons ſhall be entitled to win any Medal or other Prize of or belonging to the Society. That Honorary Members ſhall ſhoot in the Uniform of this Society, and privileged Perſons in the Uniform of their reſpective Societies.

XIII.

THAT there ſhall not be any Perſon admitted upon the TOXOPHILITE Ground, or at any Meeting of the Society, without being introduced by a Member; and if any Gentleman ſo introduced ſhall dine, ſup, or partake of the Refreſhments provided by the Society, the Member introducing ſuch Gentleman, ſhall pay, at a Summer Meeting or Target Repaſt,

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Two Shillings and Six Pence; and at a Winter Meeting or Target Dinner, Ten Shillings and Six Pence.

XIV.

THAT ſubſcribing Members ſhall be entitled to ſhoot upon the TOXOPHILITE Ground at all Times; and if any ſubſcribing Member ſhall at any Time introduce upon the Ground any Perſon not entitled to ſhoot thereon, and ſhall permit ſuch Perſon to ſhoot; or if any ſubſcribing Member ſhall ſhoot thereon in Company with any Perſon not entitled to ſhoot, knowing ſuch Perſon not to be ſo entitled, every Member, ſo offending, ſhall forfeit and pay, for each and every Offence, the Sum of One Guinea, and until Payment thereof, ſhall be ſubject to the Diſabilities mentioned in the Fourth Law.

XV.

THAT a Committee of Five Members ſhall be annually choſen by Ballot at the Firſt Summer

mer Meeting in every Year, to be called THE COMMITTEE OF ACCOUNTS, (Three of whom ſhall be competent to act) whoſe Duty it ſhall be, Thrice in the Year, or oftener, if they ſhall think proper, or ſhall be required ſo to do by the Society at any Meeting, to examine the Accounts and Finances of the Society, and report the State of the ſame at the following Times, namely, in the laſt Week of the Month of June, in the laſt Week of the Month of Auguſt, and at the Winter Meeting; and that at ſuch laſt mentioned Time, the ſaid Committee ſhall lay before the Society a Liſt of thoſe Members whoſe Subſcriptions ſhall then be in Arrear. And that the ſaid Committee ſhall have Power to require the Attendance of the Treaſurer, and the Production of his Books of Account, whenever they or any three of them ſhall think proper.

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THAT in caſe any Member ſhall ſuffer his Subſcription to be Two Years in Arrear, the Committee of Accounts ſhall give Notice thereof to ſuch Member by Letter; or if his Place of Abode ſhall not be known, his Name and the Amount of the Arrear due from him ſhall be fixed up in a conſpicuous Part of the Room in which the Summer Meetings of the Society ſhall be held, by way of Notice: and if ſuch Arrear ſhall not be paid within the Space of Six Weeks next after ſuch Notice ſhall have been given, the Member ſo in Arrear ſhall be conſidered as having reſigned, and the Vacancy occaſioned by ſuch Reſignation ſhall be declared and filled up agreeable to the Ninth Law. And in caſe any Perſon, who ſhall have ſo reſigned, ſhall afterwards be deſirous of again becoming a Member of the Society, he ſhall not be admiſſible as a Candidate, until he ſhall have paid the Arrears due from him at the Time of ſuch his Reſignation.

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THAT every Committee, except the Committee of Accounts, ſhall be moved for at any Summer Meeting, and ballotted for at the Second Meeting next enſuing.

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THAT all Sums of Money ſhot for, and all Wagers made at any Meeting of the Society, ſhall be forfeited and paid to the Treaſurer for the Uſe of the Society.

XIX.

THAT if any Member ſhall break, damage, or loſe any of the Property of the Society, he ſhall pay for or reinſtate the ſame.

XX.

THAT the Penalty and Penalties incurred at any Meeting of the Society, ſhall be called for by the Chairman at ſuch Meeting; and that all Payments and Penalties ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer for the Uſe of the Society.

LAWS FOR REGULATING THE TARGETS.

I.

THAT the Society ſhall ſhoot Four Targets in every Year, upon the TOXOPHILITE Ground, namely, The Firſt on the Ninth of May, which ſhall be called, THE SPRING TARGET; the Second on the Ninth of June, which ſhall be called, THE ANNUAL or SUMMER TARGET; the Third on the Ninth of July, which ſhall be called, THE LADY PATRONESSES TARGET; and the Fourth on the Ninth of Auguſt, which ſhall be called, THE PRINCE'S or AUTUMN TARGET; unleſs any of the above-mentioned Days ſhall be Sunday, in which Caſe, the Target ſhall be ſhot on the Day next preceding.

II.

THAT the ſhooting upon every Target Day, ſhall commence at Twelve o'Clock, and end at Seven.

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III.

THAT the Place and Hour of Dining on the Target Days reſpectively ſhall be appointed by the Captain, a Fortnight previous to the Day fixed for the ſhooting thereof; and in his Abſence by the Lieutenant, who ſhall have won thoſe Prizes on the reſpective Target Days preceding; and in Default of ſuch Appointment, by the Officers of the Society.

IV.

THAT One Week's Notice of every Target, and of the Place and Hour of Dining, ſhall be given by the Secretary to each of the Members.

V.

THAT the Targets ſhall always be placed upon Frames, and at the Diſtance of One Hundred Yards.

VI.

THAT the Order of ſhooting at the Targets ſhall be as follows, namely, if there ſhall be Four

Four Pair of Targets, the Captain of the Day ſhall lead one, which ſhall be called, The Captain's Target; the Lieutenant of the Day, another, which ſhall be called, The Lieutenant's Target; the Preſident another, which ſhall be called, The Preſident's Target; and the Senior Vice Preſident another, which ſhall be called, The Senior Vice-Preſident's Target: And in caſe there ſhall be Five Pair of Targets or more, the other Vice-Preſidents ſhall lead ſuch other Target or Targets according to Seniority.—That the Captain of Numbers ſhall always ſhoot next to the Preſident, and at his Target; and the Lieutenant of Numbers next to the Senior Vice-Preſident, and at his Target—That the Vice-Preſidents who ſhall not lead Targets, the Captains and Lieutenants of Targets, the Secretary and Treaſurer, ſhall have Rank at Targets before other Members, if they ſhall appear with their Medals and Badges, but not otherwiſe: That the Reſt of the Members ſhall take Rank according

to Lot, and that a Ballot for ſuch Purpoſe ſhall take place on every Target Day, at a Quarter before Twelve o'Clock: That honorary Members and privileged Perſons coming before the Ballot, ſhall have Rank at the Targets next after the ſeveral Officers above mentioned: That Shooters coming after the Ballot ſhall join the Targets alternately, under the Direction of the Officer of the Day.

VII.

THAT the Member who ſhall make the beſt Shot in the Gold, during the Shooting of any Target, ſhall be declared the Captain thereof; and the Member who ſhall make the next beſt Shot in the Gold, or in the Red, ſhall be declared the Lieutenant thereof: But that no Member ſhall be both Captain and Lieutenant, although he ſhall have made the two beſt Shots during the Target.

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THAT upon every Target Day, the Captain, or other preſiding Officer, ſhall have the ſole Power, (ſubject to the Laws of the Society) as well of regulating and conducting the Target and Dinner, as alſo of awarding and delivering the Medals and Prizes belonging to and ſhot for at each reſpective Target; provided, that if any ſuch Officer ſhall be intereſted in the Award of any Prize, the three diſintereſted Officers of the Society next in Rank ſhall adjudge and award the ſame.

IX.

THAT the Preſident, ſenior Vice-Preſident, Secretary, Treaſurer, Captains, and Lieutenants, ſhall wear, at the annual Winter Meeting, and upon all Target Days, the ſeveral Medals or Badges belonging to the Society, and now worn by the Preſident, Vice-Preſident, Secretary, Treaſurer, Captains, and Lieutenants reſpectively. That at the Shooting

ing of each Target, the Captain and Lieutenant of ſuch Target, and alſo the Captain and Lieutenant of Numbers ſhall appear with their reſpective Medals and Badges, or ſend the ſame to the Treaſurer before, or during the Shooting of ſuch Target, under the Penalty of One Guinea, and, until Payment thereof, ſhall be ſubject to the Diſabilities mentioned in the Fourth general Law.

X.

THAT the Member who ſhall win the Captain's Prize at the Annual or Summer Target, ſhall be entitled to affix a Silver Medal to the Arrow belonging to the Society, in order to record the ſame; which Medal ſhall be ſimilar to thoſe already affixed by Captains of annual Targets, and be paid for by the Treaſurer.

XI.

THAT no Alteration in, or Abrogation of, any of the foregoing Laws ſhall take Place, or

or new ones be made, until ſuch Alteration, Abrogation, or new Law ſhall have been propoſed and ſeconded at a Summer Meeting, and approved of by Three-fourths of the Members of the Society then preſent; and afterwards confirmed by Three-fourths of the Members preſent at a ſubſequent Summer Meeting, to be called for that Purpoſe, and of which laſt-mentioned Meeting One Week's Notice ſhall be given by the Secretary to each of the Members.

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